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Brutal Treatment of Mrs. A. D. Matson Ends With Murder.

DEED WAS DONE TEN DAYS AGO

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The Murdered Woman Lived Alone—Deaf and Dumb Man the Only Person That Can Furnish a Clue—He Saw Two Men Running Away From the House—Milk Boy Was the First to Discover the Body.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 20.—The body of Mrs. A. D. Matson, stiff and cold and lying in a pool of her own blood, was discovered in her home at Fifteenth and Monroe streets at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. To all appearances the woman had been dead ten days. It is undoubtedly a case of cold-blooded murder, with robbery as the incentive.

Mr. Matson lived alone, and it was generally supposed she had considerable money about the house. A criminal assault had preceded the horrible murder. The only person who seems to know anything about it is a deaf and dumb colored man, named George Knight, who saw two men, probably the murderers, enter the window of the murdered woman's house and afterward saw them run away.

No intelligible account can be arrived at from Knight except through his brother, who is the only person who can understand him. The two will be brought together tomorrow at the coroner's inquest.

The first finding of the murder was made known this afternoon by a milk boy who noticed the can of milk he left on Mrs. Matson's step ten days ago had been untouched. He immediately made known his fears to the police and an investigation followed.

Officers dispatched to the scene were unable to gain admittance and broke in the rear door. In a little back room, lying on her back in a pool of blood, four times dried, lay the murdered woman. Two sacks of potatoes had been rudely thrown over her head, while a bundle of rags and old clothes lay covered her body. Investigation showed the most brutal treatment had been dealt the woman before her life had been taken. The entire top of her head was crushed in, evidently by some heavy, blunt instrument.

Mrs. Robinson, who lives across the street, says she saw Mrs. Matson about two weeks ago, and she was then coming from the direction of her house and had evidently been collecting rent. She saw no one around the house at any time and never heard any noise or disturbance of any kind there. Mrs. Matson was a member of the Topeka Equal Suffrage Association and a prominent suffrage worker.

For many years she was a member of the city board of education from the Fifth ward and took an active interest in the city schools. She was at one time a city teacher and was very well known locally. She was generally supposed to have considerable money and owned five or six houses on the east side. Her husband left her four or five years ago and took up a homestead in California, where he has since lived.

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CONVENTION OF MINERS.

They Failed to Advise a Strike Against the 55-cent Scale.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—The miners' convention is still in session in this city. To-day they voted almost unanimously to reject the 55-cent rate offered by the operators. Further action was postponed while President Gascon, of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company, addressed the delegates to-day, latterly denouncing the verdict of the committee. The men expected at least 60 cents per ton, and it is claimed that the operators never hoped for such good terms as the arbitrators gave them.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 20.—The miners of this district, who have been in convention for the past three days, adjourned to-day without taking the responsibility of advising a strike against the 55-cent scale.

Just before adjournment resolutions were passed demanding 60 cents for mining, that all dead work shall be paid without any reduction on the present dead work scale; that the screens be made uniform; that miners shall be paid in full cash every two weeks; that the company's stores be abolished and that the check weighman get a number, and be paid like the other miners.

The above resolutions are to be presented to their respective localities by the delegates that a vote may be taken. These votes are to be turned in not later than the 27th instant, and the result will decide the future of the district. In the meantime individual miners can work or not as they choose at the 55-cent rate.

LYNCHING WAS HER THEME.

Miss Ida B. Wells Lectures Before the Bethel Religious Association.

Miss Ida B. Wells, the celebrated negro lecturer, delivered an address before the Bethel Religious Association in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church last night. In the unavoidable absence of Hon. Frederick Douglass she was introduced by President Smith, of the Association.

"Lynchings" was her theme, and for more than an hour she spoke of the many horrible scenes she had witnessed in Southern cities and how she had endeavored to arouse public sympathy for the negroes who are tortured to death and are seldom granted a trial.

She found it difficult to enlist the sympathies of the American press. If this could be accomplished public sympathy would soon be aroused, and the inhuman, and in many cases barbarous, treatment of negroes in the South cease.

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PROPOSE TO AMEND THE CURRENCY BILL

Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer in Secret Conference.

CATERING TO THE OBJECTORS

Amendments Which They Hope Will Help Pass the Measure.

A Long Consultation at the Treasury Department—Important Changes Proposed, Which May Meet the Objections Urged by Democrats—Two Speeches on the Bill in the House Yesterday—No Date for a Vote.

The sharp criticisms on the currency bill have led Secretary Carlisle and Chairman Springer to consider the question of amending it to meet the views of those who are dissatisfied. A conference was held at the Treasury Department yesterday at which the subject was gone over very fully, and as a result of the talk Mr. Springer will propose a number of amendments designed to remove some of the objections advanced against the bill.

One objection is that under section 7, some banks may be permitted to take a circulation of 90 per cent. of their capital stock, while the bill limits circulation to 75 per cent. of the capital stock. This will be remedied by requiring the excess, if any, to be retired by deposit of greenbacks under existing provisions of law.

The time in which the banks will be required to comply with the new law may be extended for two years, and the House may fix by amendment the time at a more remote date. The bill will be made clear that bill holders of national bank notes will be protected during the time the old banks are conforming to the law.

Another amendment will provide that the government will receive the notes for interest taxes and cancel them and issue new ones.

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ANTAGONISTIC TO THE CHURCH.

Reasons for the Holy See's Interdiction of Secret Societies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Archbishop Corrigan denied himself to reporters to-day who sought to obtain his views regarding the ecclesiastical interdiction of secret societies promulgated by Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn, to a conference of priests of the diocese this week.

Vicar General Farley admitted the truth of the statement that such an order had been promulgated.

"The Odd Fellows, the Sons of Temperance and the Knights of Pythias have been interdicted," he said. "The degree of confession will at once be promulgated throughout the church, both from the pulpits and by the press. As to the reason for this action, it is a delicate matter to talk upon, and it is sufficient to say that they were condemned because the archbishops evidently held that they were antagonistic to the church."

BOSTON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—An Associated Press reporter called to see Bishop McQuaid at St. Bernard's seminary, this evening in regard to the decree of interdiction against secret societies. Bishop McQuaid said:

"The decree came direct from the Holy See at Rome and is simply a corroboration of what has been in vogue for many years in the church. It is in Latin and owing to the fact that it is to be translated, which requires some time, I will not be able to give it out until after New Year's."

Up to four or five years ago there was no question about this matter, but at that time some unauthorized persons gave it out that the ban of the church had been removed from all secret societies except the masons. The matter was brought to our attention and we investigated the matter, finally reporting it to the Holy See. The decree is against the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance and other societies, against which the same objections can be raised."

Stricken With Apoplexy.

William Deebie, of No. 532 I street northwest, was stricken by apoplexy on N street between Sixth and Seventh last night, and was discovered lying on the pavement by two policemen. He was at once conveyed to Freedmen's Hospital, where it was found that he was in a dying condition. Although Dr. Williams and his assistants did all in their power to revive Mr. Deebie, they gave up all hope of saving his life and at a late hour he was sinking.

This Claim Against Mrs. Chase Is Valid.

In the suit of Gustav B. Brown, the dentist, to recover money due him from Mrs. Kate Chase, Charles W. Needham, who is trustee in behalf of Adia Hotchkiss, of Baltimore, filed answer yesterday. He says he does not know about other trusts and transactions in regard to Edgewood, but the conveyance of lots 1 and 11 to 24 in Block I, Edgewood, from George D. Wyckoff and wife to himself was for good consideration. This was to secure to Mrs. Hotchkiss \$3,871.50, which she loaned Mrs. Chase.

Boys in Gray Election Officers—

The Confederate Veteran Association held a pleasant meeting last night at the Union Veterans Legion Hall, No. 202 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, and elected the following officers: Dr. J. A. Maloney, president; Major T. J. Garrett, vice president; Major Collins, second vice president; Capt. Lord, secretary; R. Hanover, treasurer; Capt. Cooper, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. Dr. McKim, of Epiphany P. E. Church, chaplain, and Mrs. Lewis and Goldsborough, surgeons.

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ASCENSION CHURCH IS CONSECRATED NOW

Bishop Paret, of the Maryland Diocese, Performs the Ceremony.

SERMON BY BISHOP RANDOLPH

Touching References to the Late Dr. Pinckney and W. W. Corcoran.

Proceedings of the Consecration of Washington—Dr. McKim Makes a Report Regarding the Endowment Fund to be Raised for Establishing the Diocese of Washington—Twenty-eight Thousand Dollars Already.

As a fitting celebration of the fiftieth anniversary, the Church of the Ascension, at the northwest corner of Massachusetts avenue and Twelfth street northwest, was consecrated yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Bishop Paret, of the diocese of Maryland. For half an hour before the services began a large deputation of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the parish were occupied in seating the congregation, which included representatives of nearly every walk in life in this city.

At the hour for opening the veiled choir entered the church singing the processionary hymn, "The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord." As they took their places in the stalls the vestrymen and wardens, marshaled by Capt. J. C. Lambertson, United States Navy, met at the Massachusetts avenue entrance to the church Bishop Paret and about forty of the clergy of the convocation and from nearby Maryland and Virginia. The Rev. Alfred Harding, rector of St. Paul's Church, in this city, was the master of ceremonies.

As the clergy passed up the aisle they and the bishop repeated alternate verses of the 24th Psalm. When the bishop had seated himself in the Episcopal chair and the clergy had taken their places in the chancel and at the altar, the vestrymen and wardens, who have served longest consecutively, walked to the front and read the instrument of donation which was afterward placed upon the communion table. Bishop Paret, who was placed in a few moments the sentence of consecration which had been read by the Rev. Dr. John H. Elliott, rector of the parish, Maryland. The Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Childs, archdeacon of the convocation, read the first lesson for the day, and the Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim.

READ THE SECOND LESSON.

"Come, Jesus, from the sapphire throne," was sung, and at the communion service the epistle was read by the Rev. George C. Stokes, of Gwynnston, Md., and the Gospel by the Rev. Dr. Elliott. After the hymn, "Jerusalem, the Golden," the sermon was preached by Bishop Alfred McGillicuddy, of the diocese of Southern Virginia. He took as his text the twentieth verse of the fourth chapter of the first epistle to the Corinthians and the burden of his words was the relations of Christianity to the community, of the individual church to the community, and of the rector to his congregation. He spoke of the great work done in twenty years by Dr. Elliott, and alluded touching to the late Bishop Pinckney, who for nearly a quarter of a century was rector of the church, and to W. W. Corcoran, who led in his liberal contributions to the building of the present building, which is now free from debt.

Bishop Paret announced that the offering would go toward completing the fund of \$5,000 for building and improving churches in Maryland. During the offertory the antiphonal "O how amiable are Thy dwellings, Thon Lord of Hosts," was sung to Barnaby's music by the vestry choir, which has reached a high state of training under Mr. Francis E. Camp, the choir master.

The holy communion was administered by Bishop Paret, assisted by Bishop Randolph, the Rev. Dr. John H. Elliott, James E. Buck, Dr. A. B. Stuart, Dr. Aspinwall, and George C. Stokes. The recessional hymn was "Glorious Things of Thee are spoken."

TASTEFUL DECORATIONS.

For the service the chancel was tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, elastic, ferns and other delicate plants, a mass of white and scarlet flowers being behind the communion table.

After the consecration the clergy were entertained at lunch at the basement of the church.

In the large rooms were twenty-four tables, and each table was in charge of a young lady of the congregation.

Among the clergy who were present besides those already named as assisting in the service were the Revs. Dr. Thomas G. Addison, J. G. Bryant, Charles E. Buck, J. W. Chesley, J. W. Childs, Thomas G. G. Thompson, Coleman, Dr. Alexander C. Crummett, M. V. Dunnell, W. G. Davenport, J. F. Dudley, Nelson Pails, C. G. Griffith, A. M. Hilleker, Arthur J. Johnson, William H. Johnson, T. A. Johnston, William H. Johnson, T. A. Johnston, Josiah B. Perry, J. E. Poindester, Julius E. Grammer, Dr. J. E. C. Smodes, William Taylor Snyder, Dr. J. E. Sontag, Dr. J. M. Storer, J. E. T. Storer, F. W. Willard, R. S. W. Wood, A. J. Graham, Dr. Hall Harrison, J. F. C. Moran, and Dr. Theodore O. Gambrell.

CONVOCATION OF WASHINGTON.

At 2 o'clock the convocation of Washington was called to order in the church. The principal subject considered was that of raising an endowment fund of \$50,000 to establish the diocese of Washington out of part of the diocese of Maryland. Rev. Dr. McKim made the report of the committee in charge. He stated that of the required amount \$24,000 had been already subscribed.

Rev. Alfred Harding, of St. Paul's, announced that he had just received \$500 for this fund from a gentleman who for the present did not wish to be known. In addition he pledged St. Paul's parish for \$1,500, payable in two years.

Rev. Albert R. Stuart, of Christ Church, Georgetown, announced two subscriptions of \$500 each and pledged his parish for \$1,000 with interest till paid.

COURT AND POLICE SCANDAL.

Struggle Between the Two Legal Bodies Assuming Ridiculous Phase.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—Yesterday's courtroom excitement over the arrest of a negro discharged by Judge David Murphy has degenerated into a struggle between the judge and Chief of Police Harrigan over the carrying of weapons by policemen.

Under the chief's instructions all officers are compelled to bear arms while on duty. In consequence of this, seven officers were to-day fined \$25 each and given ten days in jail for appearing armed to give testimony. For fear of getting his entire force in jail, the chief has now ordered his men to ignore summonses to Judge McKeen's court.

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